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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CHINA.

Hongkong—Examination of Rats.

Surg. Brown reports October 7: During the week ended October 5, 1912, there were examined at Hongkong for plague infection 1,408 rats. No plague-infected rat was found.

Quarantine Restrictions Against Hongkong Removed.

The restrictions enforced by the Government of Bengal and Assam against Hongkong on account of plague were removed October 4, 1912.

CUBA.

Habana—Examination of Rats for Plague Infection.

The following statement was issued by the chief of the service of deratization at Habana:

Week ended October 26, 1912.

City blocks worked over.....	149
Rat traps used.....	361
Rats found dead.....	19
Rats trapped.....	654
Total number of rats taken.....	673
Total number of rats taken from July 6 to October 26, 1912.....	23, 102

No plague-infected rat was found during the week under report.

Modification of Restrictions on Vessels Clearing from Habana for United States Ports.

On account of the organization of continuous rat catching and examining measures in Habana, the restrictions upon vessels leaving Habana for United States ports have been reduced to the following:

1. All regular line vessels to be fumigated once every two months.
2. Ward Line vessels in the Mexico, Habana, New York line will be fumigated in New York every two months, when empty, and must bring a special certificate of fumigation.
3. Vessels arriving in Habana from clean ports and doing operations in open bay, day and night, under inspection, and taking proper precautions to prevent the ingress of rats, will be so certified on the bill of health, and will not have to be fumigated.
4. Vessels from clean ports going to approved rat-proof wharves, and taking precautions against ingress of rats—that is, using rat guards on lines, breasting off 6 feet, and raising gang planks when cargo is not being taken or discharged, will be so certified and allowed to go without fumigation.
5. All vessels, whether regular line or not, going to other wharves, must be fumigated before sailing.
6. Crews of vessels will be allowed ashore without restriction, but the gangway of vessels at the wharves will be raised from sunset to sunrise, unless the vessel is going to be fumigated. New crew may be shipped without restriction.
7. Passengers in transit will be allowed ashore without restrictions.